

What is the defense lawyer's job?



The defense lawyer's job is to help the defendant. The defendant is the person charged with breaking the law.

Can you give an example of breaking the law?



To do a good job, the defense lawyer tries to find out if we've made a mistake, or if we can't remember something, or if we've made something up. That's why the defense lawyer gets a chance to ask us questions after the Commonwealth's Attorney has finished asking us questions.

We've got to listen to everyone's questions carefully and understand them before we answer.

Sometimes when we're talking in court, the defense lawyer may stand up and interrupt us to talk to the judge. Don't worry. We haven't done or said anything wrong. No one is angry at us. All we have to do is stop talking until the judge or the Commonwealth's Attorney asks us to go on.